**The Bridge by Nicolai Chukovski – Vocabulary**

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| **WORD** | **DEFINITION** |
| 1. Amid | in the middle of; surrounded by; among |
| 1. 2. Shrubs | a woody plant smaller than a tree, usually having multiple permanent stems branching from or near the ground |
| 1. 3. Shoving | to push roughly or rudely |
| 1. 4. Kerosene | a liquid mixture consisting used as an aircraft fuel, in domestic heaters, etc. |
| 1. 5. Coiled (verb) | to form rings, spirals, etc.; gather or retract in a circular way |
| 1. 6. Hoisting | to raise or lift, especially by some mechanical appliance |
| 1. 7. Protruding | to project, thrust forward or stick out |
| 1. 8. Thickets | a thick or dense growth of shrubs, bushes, or small trees |
| 1. 9. Swerved | to turn aside abruptly in movement or direction; deviate suddenly from the straight or direct course |
| 1. 10. Loomed | to appear indistinctly; come into view in indistinct and enlarged form |
| 11. Tugboat | a small, powerful [boat](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/boat) for towing or pushing ships, barges, etc. |
| 1. 12. Flinched | to draw back or shrink, as from what is dangerous, difficult, or unpleasant. |
| 1. 13. Inexorably | Relentless, not moved or willing to give up |
| 1. 14. Spurted | to show marked, usually increased, activity or energy for a short period: |
| 15. Steep (adjective) | having an almost vertical slope or pitch, or a relatively high gradient, as a hill, an ascent, stairs, etc. |
| 1. 16. truss | A structural frame that  functions as a beam to support bridges, roofs, etc. |
| 1. 17. Scaffolding | a temporary structure for holding workers and materials during the erection, repair, or decoration of a building or structure |
| 1. 18. Hodgepodge | A mixture of different things |
| 1. 19. surmise | to think or infer without certain or strong evidence; conjecture; to guess. |
| 20. Hitherto | up to this time; until now |